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SUBJ: NOMINATION FOR PARTIAL LEADER GRANT

1. EMBASSY NOMINATES AIR FORCE CAPTAIN JOAO PEDRO TOMAZ ROSA FOR SHORT-TERM POLITICAL LEADER GRANT. CAPTAIN ROSA HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT RADIO FREE EUROPE OFFICES, NEW YORK, MARCH 17-19. INVITATIONAL TRAVEL EXTENDED AS ROSA IS GOP DELEGATE TO RADIO RETRANSMISSAO (RARET), PORTUGUESE RELAY STATION FOR RADIO FREE EUROPE. ROSA WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL TRAVEL MARCH 20-31.

2. CAPTAIN ROSA IS MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM) WITH CONCURRENT ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AS ADVISER TO MINISTER OF LABOR COSTA MARTINS, AND MEMBER OF AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESS (REVIEW BOARD WHICH ADMINISTERS PRESS LAW). WAS ONE OF FIVE MEMBERS OF PORTUGUESE COUNCIL FOR PEACE AND COOPERATION WHO VISITED BUDAPEST AT INVITATION OF HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IN FEBRUARY 1975.

3. ROSA WAS BORN OCT. 20, 1935 AT PERNES, SANTAREM, PORTUGAL. ENTERED MILITARY ARPIL, 1956. EDUCATED AT MILITARY ACADEMY. COMMISSIONED 2ND LIEUTENANCT 1965 AND PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN SEPT. 1970. LAST ASSIGNED TO AIR FORCE STAFF. MARRIED WITH FIVE CHILDREN. RESIDENCE AT RUA BERNARDIM RIBEREIRO 52, PAREDE. HAS NOT

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4. POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING RARET VISIT IN US RAISED BY ROSA. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN US EXPERIENCE WITH UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMS AS HE IS WORKING WITH INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMISSION DEVELOPING PORTUGAL'S FIRST UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION SYSTEM. WOULD ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS PORTUGUESE TRADE UNION SITUATION WITH US LABOR LEADERS.

5. SECOND FIELD OF INTEREST TO ROSA IS CONTACT WITH MEDIA. SUGGEST STANTON OF RADIO FREE EUROPE BOARD COULD ASSIST WITH THIS ASPECT OF PROGRAM.

6. THIRD AREA FOR POSSIBLE PROGRAMMING WOULD BE WITH US AIR FORCE. THIS CONSIDERED LESSER OF PRIORITIES IN VIEW OF ROSA'S CURRENT POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND INTERESTS.

7. IF ACCEPTED, ROSA WOULD BE FIRST MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT TO VISIT US ON LEADER GRANT. ALTHOUGH ROSA HAS REPUTATION AS LEFTIST AMONG AIR FORCE OFFICERS, WHO ARE MOST CONSERVATIVE OF THE THREE SERVICES, HE IS CONSIDERED OPEN-MINDED AND RECEPTIVE TO NEW IDEAS. POST CLEARANCE GRANTED. ESCORT-INTERPRETER REQUIRED. CATEGORY C PER DIEM OF DOLS 45 RECOMMENDED.

8. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND RADIO FREE EUROPE PORTION OF VISIT BEING HANDLED THROUGH WILLIAM P. DURKEE, 2 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, 10016, TELEPHONE (212) 481-1066.

9. EMBASSY URGES PROMPT APPROVAL OF PARTIAL LEADER GRANT. ROSA HOLDS IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN GOP WHERE HE CAN INFLUENCE DECISIONS BEARING ON US INTERESTS. HOPEFULLY HIS ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT (WHICH HE HAS MADE EVIDENT HE DESIRES) WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR OTHER AFM OFFICERS TO ALSO ACCEPT INVITATIONS TO VISIT US.

10. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST DUE TO LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE TO EXTEND INVITATION PRIOR TO ROSA'S SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR RARET VISIT.
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